

SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES

Friday, December 12th, 2014

Board Members

Allison Boyd
Amy Fitch
Angel Weant
Bill Hildenbrand
Carl Blake
Doug Stephens
Jeff Jenks
Jeff Geist
John Odenheimer
Kandy Moore
Kim English
Mary Baydarian
Merve Davies
Mimi Scheuermann
Missy Gursky
Nancy Jackson
Richard Bednarski
Rick May
Tom Leversee

Visitors

Jerry Frey
Alesha Arrington
Pat Harris
Wellesley Bush
JP Paige
Susan Walker
Beverly Casey
Tom Casey
Tim Martinez
Darla Hackworth
Jodie Goter
Wendy Biesemeier
Michael Salaz
Bryan Sameson
Laura Saurini
Chris Renda
Jo Stack
Laurie Rose Kepros

Visitors

Absent Board Members

Alli Watt Jessica Curtis Jessica Meza Marcelo Kopcow Pam Bricker

Staff

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky Harmony Fox Cathy Rodriguez
Jesse Hansen Raechel Alderete

Board Meeting Begins: 9:32 am

INTRODUCTIONS -

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - No future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cathy Rodriguez gave notice that the Application Review Committee (ARC) has discontinued two variances recently.

Mimi Scheuermann noted a correction to change “administration” to “administering” in the November minutes.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES with the noted correction: motion to approve Mimi Scheuermann, 2nd by Richard Bednarski.

15 Approve

0 Oppose

0 Abstain

Motion Passed

APPROVE AGENDA – Agenda approved.

BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION SHARING AND ENGAGEMENT – SOMB –

Carl Blake is the Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) representative. He oversees all sex offense specific issues at DYC, including treatment, case management, and responding to questions related to legal issues, housing, and other areas. He also drafts all policies for DYC. When trainings are required for new DYC procedures, he presents these trainings. Additionally, he supervises the assessment staff and examines the current DYC use of assessment tools. Furthermore, he provides technical assistance for mental health needs. Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) involvement includes chairing the Application Review Committee (ARC), and the Juvenile Standards Revisions Committee, and he is also a member of the Continuity of Care Committee, Best Practice Committee, Victim Advocacy Committee, Executive Committee, Young Adults Committee, Research Committee, Female Offenders Committee, and the Developmental Disability Committee.

Doug Stephens is the law enforcement representative. He joined the SOMB in 2006 through his work in law enforcement where he was helping with community notification and education. He moved more into community safety and gang involvement, and most recently he is now the Chief of Police in Littleton. He takes what he learns from the SOMB into his work, which he believes helps to aid in community safety.

Tom Leversee is a juvenile treatment representative to the SOMB. He is a clinical social worker for juveniles. Currently, he is contracting with the DYC after working for that agency for over 30 years. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Denver, teaching the delinquency and youth violence class. His work with the SOMB has been to help with trainings, and he is also the chair of the Best Practices Committee, and serves on the Juvenile Standards Revisions Committee, the Young Adult Protocol Committee, and the Polygraph Committee. Outside the SOMB, he is on the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) Board of Directors.

John Odenheimer is the community corrections representative for the SOMB. He also sits on the Arapahoe Community Corrections Board. Working for 30 years in the field, he is now officially retired, which allows him more time for his work on various Boards. With the SOMB, he is on the Adults Standards Revisions Committee, the Continuity of Care Committee, and ARC 2.

Allison Boyd is a victim representative for the SOMB. Currently, she is the director of the Victim’s Assistance Unit providing victim support with a staff of 30 including 14 victim support staff, 4 of whom are specifically for children, and 5 of whom are specifically for adult victims. She started working with victims of sexual offenses in 1991 as a volunteer with a crisis team and is now also working on the VALE board. With the SOMB, she chairs the Victim Advocacy Committee, and serves on the Adult Standards Revisions Committee, ARC 2, and various other committees. She also sits on the Jefferson Center for Mental Health and the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance Boards.

Richard Bednarski is a private criminal defense attorney, and represents this group on the SOMB. He represents persons accused of sexual offenses, and therefore is able to bring this perspective of the person accused of crimes to the SOMB and what that means to them as they move through the system. He has a desire to get involved with the Adult Standards Revisions Committee.

Jeff Geist is the Department of Corrections (DOC) representative to the SOMB. He also manages the Division of Adult Parole. He has 21 officers, 2 supervisors, and 2 administrative staff that help hear offender or staff grievances, provide ISPI billing, supervise offenders, and more. He also oversees the Washington County Jail, interviews ISPI offenders, and creates both sex offender and other policies for the division. He joined the SOMB in 2008 and has been on various committees, including the Continuity of Care Committee, chairing of the Adult Standards Revisions Committee, and the Executive Committee, as well as the Young Adult Committee. He has been with the state since 1993 as a parole officer, moving into supervision of sex offenders and became the first supervisor for sex offenders in his unit.

Nancy Jackson is the Arapahoe County Commissioner for the 18th district, and represents urban county commissioners on the SOMB. As the Commissioner, she sets the budget and policy for the county, and is the administrator of the county. She works on issues related to mental health and that got her involved with the SOMB. She reviews legislative items for Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) to aid the community. She is involved with the State Courthouse Security Commission, the Board of Aurora Mental Health, Developmental Pathways, and has a coordinated committee to help with engagement in water, environment, oil, gas, economic development, and finding jobs that pay livable wages. Her main focus is through policy and implementation. She is very thankful to all those that sit on this board, and the passion and knowledge they bring.

William Hildenbrand is the out of home placement representative. His focus at SAVIO is to bring evidence based practices to Colorado. SAVIO has 9 evidence-based models that they use to aid in their services. With the SOMB he is looking at what are the best practices available that he can bring back into the field for victims and offenders. He also is involved with Child Welfare and the Advisory Committee, and is a member of the child welfare executive leadership committee.

Kim English is the Colorado Department of Public Safety Division of Criminal Justice (CDPS/DCJ) representative. As the DCJ research director, she oversees a variety of research and policy analysis projects including program evaluations, DOC and DYC population projections, risk instrument development (including the SVP scale), tracking parole board decisions, and more. She joined the SOMB officially last year, though she has been involved since the creation of the SOMB. Many years ago, as an adult probation officer in Colorado, she remembers sending sex offenders to mental health center where they would be treated for stress management, showing how far the field has evolved during her career. In the mid-90s she was involved in groundbreaking research that defined best practices in the treatment and supervision of adult sex offenders.

Amy Fitch is the district attorney representative to the SOMB and currently works for the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office, working as an attorney for 19 years and a prosecutor for all but 2 of those years. She developed what she calls the SVU boot camp, which helps to introduce new attorneys working with sex offences to the vastly different world of sex crimes, including different statutes. She also worked on the sexting programs and on developing online safety. Recently, she is working as the supervisor for economic crimes and she is a member of the SVP Committee.

Mary Baydarian is the county human services representative and started in 2005 with the SOMB. She started off by helping to develop the legislation for the urban commissioner and human services director for the SOMB. She has been a human services director for nearly 15 years, and she currently is in Garfield county overseeing 8 divisions. She was the chair of the County Committee.

Kandy Moore is a victim representative for the SOMB and has been a therapist for nearly 30 years, working both with victims and sex offenders throughout the years. She helped in creating a program in Larimer County called Child Safe, primarily for families facing incest. With the creation of the Adult Standards in 1998, she was motivated to also become an adult provider. Currently, she has her own private practice and is still seeing some clients through Child Safe since officially retiring from there a few years before. With the SOMB

she is a member of ARC and the Victim Committee, and also presented at the SOMB 3 day conference, and testifies in court as needed.

Jeff Jenks is the polygraph representative of the SOMB. Since coming to Colorado he opened a firm in the 1980's and now provides polygraph services. In 1989, he ran the first post-conviction sex offender polygraph and it provided much more previously unknown data. Since this time, most of his work has shifted to post-conviction sex offender polygraphs. In 2011, he was chosen along with 7 other polygraph providers nationally to help develop the Best Practices model for polygraph. He also helped develop post-conviction standards for numerous states and has done many trainings with providers, judges, and with sex offenders. With the SOMB he is on ARC.

Rick May is a mental health representative for the SOMB. Recently he was appointed to the SOMB, but has been a participant for many years. He is a licensed psychologist and runs a company called Treatment and Evaluation Services. Additionally, he provides consulting at the agency, he is the national Abel Assessment trainer, and he is working with the Denver Humans Services. With the SOMB he has been on the ARC committee for a number of years.

Mimi Scheuermann is the Division of Child Welfare representative for the SOMB. She started as a case worker, moved to become the county foster home care reviewer, became the child protection ongoing administrator, and now moved to being the training manager for child welfare and case workers for Colorado. Her involvement with the SOMB has been through the Continuity of Care Committee and she was previously on ARC.

Angel Weant is the judicial department representative, including probation and the courts. Appointed by the chief justice, she is a probation analyst and oversees all the sex offender, economic crime, and deputy probation officer programs. She implements policies and procedures related to these programs, conducts training with the SOMB and providers in the field, during the legislative session she analyses all fiscal data, and provides technical assistance as needed. She sits on the Adult Standards Revisions Committee, SVP Committee, Juvenile Standards Revision Committee, the Steering Committee for COSA, the Low Risk Protocol, ARC, and Victim Advocacy Committee.

Missy Gursky is clinical director for RSA and represents mental health professionals.

Jessica Curtis represents juvenile Judicial Officers for the State Judicial Office, and she is a Juvenile Magistrate. She presides over truancy, dependency and neglect, and all delinquency cases involving unlawful sexual behaviors. She also presides over all cases in El Paso County involving a juvenile charged with unlawful sexual behaviors. She sentences, makes placement decisions, and adjudicates within the MDT regarding the course of treatment and contact. With the SOMB, she has presented alongside the staff of the SOMB numerous times at conferences and trainings.

ATSA LIGHTENING PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Merve Davies, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Cathy Rodriguez, Tom Leversee, Angel Weant, and Laurie Kepros shared information from some of their favorite presentations at the ATSA conference.

UPDATE ON 2014 BOARD PROGRESS – JESSE HANSEN – Jesse noted some of the milestones that the SOMB has reached this year. He noted that the SOMB revised its strategic plan based largely on the external reviews which were completed last year. The SOMB has had 15 active committees throughout the year. These committees approved new policies and guidelines, such as the appendix on sexually stimulating materials, the Young Adult Protocol, and the Juvenile Standards Sections 3.00, 7.00, and 8.00, and also an implementation model was created. The SVP committee revised the handbook and are looking at a long term collaborative project for a new system of classifying sex offenders. Also the SOMB approved 40 new providers, 22 status changes, and 132 re-approvals, brought in international speakers for RNR training,

completed 64 trainings for over 1400 people, completed a 3 day conference with 321 attendees, provided technical assistance daily, worked with state judicial for a grant that would bring SOTAR/VASOR and train the trainers training. The ARC received 21 complaints and are processing them. The SOMB staff provided programs evaluation trainings and continue to assist in various community notifications, created the Family Engagement Committee, completed the 2014 legislative report and the 2014 year-end report, finished a video to assist with community notification, and the SOMB staff continue to keep the board up to date on literature and research that is relevant to the board.

MEETING ADJOURNS at 11:58 am.